

Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Tuesday, July 21, 2015
Minutes

Members Present: Commissioner Richard M. Hannold, Chair, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Commissioner Jill Johnson, Dr. Grethe Cammermeyer, Capt. Frederick J. McDonald (ex-officio member) and Dr. Brad Thomas, Executive Secretary to the Board

Absent Members: Mayor Scott Dudley

Call to Order: Commissioner Richard M. Hannold, Chair called to order this Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health at 1:04 pm.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Richard M. Hannold, Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the June 16th, 2015 Regular Session. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion. Minutes approved by those present to vote.

Public Input or Comment: None.

Presentations: Laura Luginbill, Assessment and Healthy Communities Director

1. Community Health Assessment (CHA) Survey: Laura provided an update on the survey process. In Island County, the collection of Health Indicators data has been completed in the past. However, Qualitative Data Collection is new this year, due to requirements set forth by the National Public Health Accreditation Board. This new collection of data will capture people's experiences in Island County and what they perceive to impact their health. The Qualitative Data Plan was distributed to all Board members prior to the meeting. Utilization of a community-wide survey and focus groups will capture this qualitative data. As an appendix to the Qualitative Data Plan, the Community Health Opinion Survey will be distributed to Island County residents having been reviewed by the Community Health Advisory Board and the Community Health Advisory Team and pilot tested with 25 to 30 residents. The full survey will primarily be distributed electronically however paper surveys will be distributed to those identified to be best served by doing so. There are plans to translate the survey into Spanish and Tagalog. The survey period is from August 24th through September 13th as this timeframe will take advantage of the schools being in service.

Contracts: Keith Higman, Health Services Director presented four items for the Board's consideration:

1. Memorandum of Agreement: WA State DOH acknowledgement of the adoption of Ordinance HD-01-15 – revision to ICC Chapter 8.09 Potable Water Source and Supply. Commissioner Jill Johnson motioned to approve; Commissioner Helen Price Johnson seconded. Board voted unanimously with those present to vote; approval to sign MOA.
2. Consolidated Contract C17111; Amendment #3 with WA State DOH increasing funding by \$5,013. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson motioned to approve. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded. Board voted unanimously with those present to vote; approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Consolidated Contract No. C17111.
3. Early Intervention Program Contract 1563-41633 with WA State DSHS. Commissioner Jill Johnson motioned to approve. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson seconded. Board voted unanimously with those present to vote; approval of Contract No. 1563-41633.
4. Access to Baby & Child Dentistry (ABCD) Program Contract K761; Amendment #1 with WA State HCA. Grethe Cammermeyer motioned to approve. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson seconded. Board voted unanimously with those present to vote; approval of Contract K761; Amendment #1.

Legislative Update: Commissioner Helen Price Johnson noted good news and bad news resulting from the final legislative decisions. Keith Higman concurred noting that there will be budgetary impacts.

The Board of Health expressed an interest in learning more regarding the proposal on the future delivery of medical services in the jail following the tragedy of the death in the jail. The Board invited Sheriff Mark Brown to speak at an upcoming Regular Session.

Health Department Report:

Dr. Brad Thomas:

1. Asymptomatic Medical Screening: Having recently received a local newspaper insert promoting various medical screenings by one particular for-profit organization, Dr. Thomas warned of the dangers in screening asymptomatic patients. When applied appropriately, screening can provide early detection noted Capt. McDonald.

Keith Higman:

1. November Session of the Board of Health: Commissioner Richard Hannold, Chair of the Board of Health, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson and Commissioner Jill Johnson will not be available for the November 17th, 2015 Regular Session. Setting a date for a Special Session in November will be placed on next month's agenda. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson suggested November 16th, 2015.
2. WIC: WIC services provided by the Public Health Department will be expanding in October as the WIC program will no longer be offered on NAS WI. There is initial state funding for approximately 600 new clients. Following a brief discussion, the expectation of new clients is now that of a higher number. This expectation is based on current consumption on NAS WI and the anticipated influx of new personnel to the base. Keith Higman will work with the state WIC office to increase initial funding. Work to solve office and parking challenges has already begun.
3. Heroin: Statistics reports show tightening regulations on prescription medications have resulted in a higher use of illegal alternatives. Highest increase in use is in the age group of 18 to 25 year olds.
4. Blue-green Algae: Although there are thousands of species of algae only a few species emit toxins to both humans and animals. In the summer, exposure happens primarily in lakes. There are five counties statewide that participate in an algae program. Island County is not currently one of them so any work done by the Public Health Department is not funded through the state. Recently, there has been an increased interest by Island County residents regarding blue-green algae problems that may exist in our county. Keith Higman has instructed staff to look into the grant program to determine if the funding is competitive and what is the scope of the program.

Board Comments/Announcements:

Commissioner Helen Price Johnson: From a recent meeting of National Association of Counties, Commissioner Price Johnson received and shared a handout titled "How Oral Health & Mental Health are Connected" and a pocket guide on "Meeting Moves" and "Office Athletics". Both handouts were distributed to the Board.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Richard M. Hannold, Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jill Johnson moved to adjourn; Commissioner Helen Price Johnson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.

The next Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the Commissioner's Hearing Room (B-102) of the Annex Building.

Submitted: _____

Brad Thomas, MD

Minutes approved this 18th day of Aug 2015
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Richard M. Hannold, Chair